THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Name of Accident	No. of Claims still to be settled
Khanna Accident	28
Rajdhani Train Accident	87

(c) Railway Claims Tribunal is a judicial body and follows procedure for hearing of settlement of claims cases as provided for in the Railway Claims Tribunal Act. No time frame, therefore, can be prescribed for finalisation of pending claims in Railway Claims Tribunal.

Mehsana-Taranga MG line

2186. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mehsana-Taranga Hill conversion of Metre Gauge line is under consideration;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Ambaji being a pilgrimage center, lakhs of people come to worship and being an Industrially developed area Mehsana-Taranga railway line is being extended upto Ambaji; and

(c) if so, what will be the estimated cost and by what time the proposal will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to extend this line upto Ambaji.

(c) Does not arise.

Computerised reservation counter at Chitradurga and Challakere in Karnataka

2187. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

establishment of computerised reservation counters at Chitradurga and Challakere Railway Stations in Karnataka;

(b) whether the Ministry considers this fact as important; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal for provision of computerized reservation facility at Challakere Railway Station has already been sanctioned. As regards, provision of computerized reservation facility at Chitradurga, the proposal is under consideration of this Ministry.

Rail Line from Modasa to Shamlaji

2188. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have promised to extend the Railway line from Kapadvanj, Modasa to Shamlaji;

(b) whether Government have given any assurance that within six months the work will executed; and

(c) the progress in this regard till date and by what time it will be fully executed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) During inauguration of train services on Kapadvanj-Modasa line, announcement was made by Minister of Railway for extension of Kapadvanj-Modasa line to Shamlaji.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The survey has been completed and the proposal is under process. No target has yet been fixed for completion of this extension.

White Paper on Railway Safety

2189. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the recent white paper tabled by the Railway Minister in